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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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SUBJ: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OVERSEAS STAFF OF INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE

REF: STATE 93101; KUALA LUMPUR 2117

1. THE EMBASSY INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO THE
THREE MAN INCREASE IN THE OPRED AMERICAN PERSONNEL
CEILING TO ACCOMMODATE AND STAFF A REGIONAL IRS
OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR. ON THE CONTRARY, WITH GOM
POLICY CURRENTLY ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
REGIONAL OFFICES IN EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS
IN MALAYSIA, THE REGIONAL IRS OFFICE WOULD PROBABLY BE
WELCOME.

2. GIVEN THE LIMITED SPACE ACCOMMODATIONS CURRENTLY
AVAILABLE WITHIN THE EMBASSY, HOWEVER, QUARTERS FOR
THE OFFICE WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY, AND
PROBABLY IN ANOTHER BUILDING. THIS POSES NO
PROBLEM SINCE ADQUATE SPACE OF THE TYPE
REQUIRED BY IRS IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IN NEARBY,
NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OFFICE BUILDING AT A FAIR RATE.

3. ASSUMING THAT EMBASSY WILL FUND DIRECT AND
INDIRECT COSTS, THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT ANNUAL COST
ESTIMATES IN US DOLLARS: (BASED ON ONE GS-13 AND
ONE GS-9, EACH WITH WIFE AND ONE SCHOOL AGED CHILD,
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AND ONE GS-7 SINGLE SECRETARY).

ITEM/OFFICERS/SECRETARY/TOTAL

TLA/7,200/450/7,650

COLA/1,450/670/2,120

EDUCATION ALLOWANCE/4,200/-/4,200

RESIDENCE:

RENT/17,000/4,200/21,200

MAINTENANCE/1,000/500/1,500

UTILITIES/6,500/2,880/9,380

FURNITURE, ETC/26,000/10,000/36,000

OFFICE:

RENT (900 SQFT)/6,400/-/6,400

UTILITIES/1,700/-/1,700

PARTITIONING, ETC/3,000/-/3,000

FURNITURE, ETC/8,300/-/8,300

TOTALS: 82,750/18,700/101,450

4. THE ESTABLISHMENT IN KUALA LUMPUR OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY

OFFICE AND THE ASSUMPTION DURING THE RECENT PAST OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR JUSTICE/DEA AND AF/CINCPAC INCREASED THE AMERICAN STAFF TO WHOM SUCH SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY SIX. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY THIS EMBASSY TO SIX AGENCIES (15) AMERICAN AND 8 LOCAL PERSONNEL) IN SINGAPORE, ALL OF WHICH FUNCTIONS WERE ABSORBED WITH NO INCREASE IN PERSONNEL. REGRETABLELY, ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED, INCLUDING THAT FOR IRS, WILL NECESSITATE ADDITIONAL STAFFING. THE FOLLOWING FACTORS ALSO MERIT CONSIDERATION IN THIS AREA:

- A. ON MAY 26 THE PAYROLL FUNCTION FOR BOTH KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO FADPC BANGKOK. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT IT WILL LOSE ONE LOCAL POSITION.
- B. ON JULY 1 THE EMBASSY WILL ASSUME MAINTENANCE OF USIS AND RSO REAL PROPERTIES - LANDLORDS NOW REFUSE TO PROVIDE OTHER THAN MAJOR REPAIRS IN THIS AREA.
- C. A CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE PERSONNEL UNIT'S OPERATIONS INDICATES THAT A FULL-TIME AMERICAN POSITION IN THAT AREA IS NOT REQUIRED. (A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION).

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5. IF THE IRS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL

OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR MATERIALIZES, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS:

- A. ABOLISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL OFFICER POSITION, AND,
- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE AMERICAN JUNIOR OFFICER POSITION TO BE USED AS TRAINING POSITION IN GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, B&F, GENERAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL -

NO ONE UNIT AT THIS TIME REQUIRES THE FULL-TIME ASSIGNMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POSITION, BUT EACH DOES NEED A PART-TIME HELPING HAND.

C. REVOCATION OF THE DECISION TO REDUCE B&F UNIT BY ONE LOCAL POSITION. IN ADDITION TO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 ABOVE, THE FY-75 SAS STATISTICS REFLECT AN INCREASE OF 22 PC IN VOUCHER PAYMENTS AND CHECK ISSUANCES DURING 1974.

D. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE LOCAL POSITION IN THE GENERAL SERVICES UNIT PRIMARILY TO ASSIST IN THE REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BUT ALSO TO ASSUME PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLICATION PROCUREMENT, PETTY CASH PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS.

E. THE ADDITION OF ONE NON-PASSENGER VEHICLE (ESTATE WAGON OR SCOUT) TO BE ESPECIALLY FITTED AND SUPPLIED FOR USE IN THE REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. NO DRIVER POSITION IS REQUIRED SINCE GENERAL SERVICES PERSONNEL WILL DRIVE THE UNIT.

6. WHILE THE QUARTERING OF IRS OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY IS SUITABLE ON A SHORT TERM BASIS, IT MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE QUARTERS FOR THE OPERATION IN THE NEW CHANCERY WHEN IT IS CONSTRUCTED. IF AFFIRMATIVE CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO ESTABLISH AN IRS OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR, THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 900 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE FOR THAT AGENCY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF FBO FOR INCORPORATION IN THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BUILDING.

7. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED DECISION SOONEST.

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